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Dear All

We are delighted to be welcoming back all our students in the week beginning 8th March. We are very aware of the disruption over the last 12 months and want to ensure the return to the academy is successful for every student. It is encouraging that the vast majority of students, with the support of their parents/carers, have been engaged with the remote learning that has been in place since January.

Over the coming week and a half, contact will be made with some students to offer additional support for their return to the academy, including some visits to the site. It is important that students are mentally prepared to return and we cannot underestimate the impact the pandemic has had on everyone in terms of routines and normal working practices. If your child is worried or concerned, then please contact us, or access the advice and guidance available on our website.

It will not be possible for all students to return on Monday 8th March due to the need for asymptomatic testing of all staff and students. We will prioritise students in exam groups and aim to have all students back by the end of the week. Details about the testing process and consent forms will be sent on Monday 1st March. Our risk assessments will also be updated on our website over the course of the next week. Remote learning will still be in place as we work through this staggered return to the academy.

We want to support all our students in returning to a safe, happy and successful academy, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Guidance to help prepare your child for the return to face to face learning at the academy

- 1. Uniform:** Get your child to try their uniform on now to check it all still fits. If it doesn't, you will have time to order/purchase any required items. A copy of the uniform expectations is below. If you require any advice or financial assistance please contact Richard.goodenough@mca.attrust.org.uk.
- 2. Routine:** Put in place a gradual plan to support your child in getting up at their usual time on a school day and going to bed at an appropriate time. This will help them get back into their routine and build up their stamina for the academy day. By attending live lessons and completing the set work they will also be getting used to the 3 x 1 hour 40-minute lessons they will have each day in the academy.
- 3. Expectations:** Talk through the academy expectations with your child and remind them of the differences to working/being at home. A copy of the academy expectations are below and the Home-Academy Agreement (normal and COVID) are included with this document.



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4. **Wellbeing:** Ask your child how they feel about the return to the academy. Are they excited? Worried? Do they have any concerns? Talk through all aspects both academic and social/emotional. If you would like to discuss anything or seek advice, please contact your child's Tutor or House Leader. This is also important if you feel there is any important information, we should be aware of.

5. **Reassure:** Reassure your child that we do not expect everyone to have made the same progress in their learning remotely as they would have done in the academy. We will assess and continue to review as we go along to ensure all students close the gap between where they are now and their expected level of progress.

Uniform

Black Trousers (tailored and full length – denim and skinny styles are not allowed)

MCA Skirt (worn at least to the middle of the knee)

White shirt

MCA Blazer

MCA Jumper/Cardigan (although optional only these jumpers/cardigans that are permitted)

Black socks/tights

A suitable outdoor coat (no jumpers including hoodies)

PE Uniform

MCA House T-shirt

Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms

MCA Fleece (no alternatives)*

Plain black/navy base layer (optional to be worn underneath T-shirt)

Socks

Trainers

Year 11 may wear a plain black jumper (no hoodies instead of the MCA Fleece for this year only)



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Mobile Phones

Students will be used to using their phones including to access remote learning. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used throughout the academy day. These must be out of sight when students walk through the main gates into the academy until they leave at the end of the day. A teacher may permit their use for specific learning activities in a lesson.

Expectations

The Mildenhall Way

Expectations of Conduct In Lessons

Expectations

1. We wear the correct academy uniform with pride
2. We demonstrate MCA TRAITS in all that we do
3. We do as we are asked, when we are asked to do it

Routines

- We arrive on time to our lessons
- We sit where our teacher asks us to
- We put lesson equipment and planners on our desk then stand behind our desks in silence when we enter the room
- We pack away when we are told to
- At the end of the lesson we stand behind our desks in silence
- We wait to be dismissed

Work hard: Be kind





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Expectations of Conduct Around the Academy

Expectations

1. We wear the correct academy uniform with pride
2. We demonstrate MCA TRAITS in all that we do
3. We do as we are asked, when we are asked to do it

Routines

- We keep to the left in the corridors and stairs
- We move in a calm and orderly manner
- We keep noise to a minimum
- We show consideration and respect for others, their property and academy property
- In the event of the fire alarm we leave the building by the nearest exit leaving all belongings behind moving in silence and in a calm and orderly manner

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T₁ **Teamworkers**
Together Everyone Achieves More.

R₁ **Resilient**
We make mistakes and face challenges but we never give up.

A₁ **Ambitious**
We have a strong desire and determination to achieve.

I₁ **Inquisitive**
We are curious and interested in the world around us.

T₁ **Together**
We show tolerance and respect for each other and our environment. "We Belong Here".

S₁ **Successful**
We will be successful.

Further information will be sent out over the coming week. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the coming weeks.

Best wishes

Miss N Hood

Principal